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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION & AMENDMENT

This request for continued examination (RCE) and amendment is in response to the Final Official Action in this case mailed July 23, 2007. Applicant is filing this Amendment within the three month shortened statutory period or before October 23, 2007. Hence, Applicant believes no extension of time fee is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 5 of this paper.